

## Swansea University

### Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN36 Disposal of used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and wastes associated with suspected COVID-19

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<b>Disposal of used PPE and associated wastes contaminated with suspected COVID-19</b>	
Location Generated	All locations (excluding healthcare and research)
EWC	<b>18 01 03*</b> Wastes whose collection and disposal is subject to special requirements in order to prevent infection
Disposal Method	Segregated for incineration
Bin/ Bag Type	Orange bag; hazardous infectious waste
<b>Duty of Care Requirements</b>	
<p>The University is legally required to comply with section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and/or The Waste (England &amp; Wales) Regulations 2011. Duty of Care applies to anyone who imports, produces, carries, keeps, treats, disposes of, or are a dealer or broker that has control of, controlled waste.</p> <p>It is a legal requirement to ensure all wastes are correctly classified. Incorrectly disposing of hazardous waste via a non-hazardous waste stream can lead to legal and financial penalties dependent upon the severity of the noncompliance. All hazardous infectious wastes must be segregated for correct disposal.</p> <p>The University has an appointed hazardous healthcare/clinical waste contractor whom supplies a collection service to both Singleton and Bay Campuses.</p> <p>All wastes must be assigned the correct European Waste Code (EWC) by the University's Waste and Recycling Officer to ensure the correct disposal route is identified for the waste.</p> <p><b>18</b> Wastes from human or animal healthcare and/or related research  <b>18 01</b> Wastes from natal care, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease in humans  <b>18 01 03*</b> Waste whose collection and disposal is subject to special requirements in order to prevent infection</p> <p><b>Final definition;</b>  EWC 18 01 03* Waste whose collection and disposal is subject to special requirements in order to prevent infection including COVID-19 Risk precautionary PPE</p> <p>All waste items falling under classification 18 01 03* must be segregated and be placed into <b>orange infectious waste bags</b> for disposal by a licenced clinical waste contractor, and incinerated.</p> <p><b>For wastes associated with suspected cases of COVID-19, orange infectious waste bags MUST be used and disposed in external sealed yellow wheelie bins for infectious wastes.</b></p>	

This Waste Management Guidance Note only provides information on the disposal of precautionary PPE and associated cleaning materials. For further Health and Safety guidance on wearing PPE in the workplace, contact your [Health and Safety Lead](#)

## Items

- Gloves
- Masks
- Disposable aprons
- Blue roll
- Cleaning materials inc cloths
- Sanitiser wipes
- Tissues



## Disposal Instructions

Once all waste items have safely been disposed of into the orange bag and the bag is securely sealed and doubled bagged, please contact [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk) to arrange disposal and access to the nearest clinical infectious disposal point.

PPE must be worn to transfer the bag out to the dedicated external yellow wheelie bin.

## Disposal Cost

The disposal cost is factored into the University's waste management service provision; therefore there is no direct cost to individuals/Colleges/PSUs.

For further guidance please contact [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk)